

Gaudens Double Eagle coins as ultra-high relief numismatic coins and bullion investment coins in order to provide affordable opportunities for investments in precious metals, and for other purposes.”.

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**Alice Paul Congressional Gold Medal Act:** H.R. 406, amended, to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Alice Paul in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women, by a 2/3 yealand-nay vote of 412 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 326;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To award a congressional gold medal in recognition of Alice Paul's role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women.”.

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**Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act:** H.R. 5872, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, by a 2/3 yealand-nay vote of 403 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 327;

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**Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act:** H.R. 2894, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the “Star Spangled Banner” and the War of 1812;

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**Security Assistance and Arms Export Control Reform Act of 2008:** H.R. 5916, amended, to reform the administration of the Arms Export Control Act; and

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**North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2008:** H.R. 5834, amended, to amend the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 to promote respect for the fundamental human rights of the people of North Korea.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Peace Officers and their families.

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**Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008:** The House agreed to the Senate amendment with amendments, made in order by the rule and printed in H. Rept. 110–636, to H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

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On a division of the question, the House rejected amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–636 by a yealand-nay vote of 141 yeas to 149 nays with 132 voting “present”, Roll No. 328.

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On a division of the question, the House agreed to the Senate amendment with amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–636 by a yealand-nay vote of 227 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 329.

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On a division of the question, the House agreed to the Senate amendment with amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–636 by a yealand-nay vote of 256 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 330.

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H. Res. 1197, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill, was agreed to by a yealand-nay vote of 221 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 324, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yealand-nay vote of 224 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 323.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 19th for morning hour debate.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H3889, H4044.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eight yealand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3902, H3902–03, H3903, H3904, H3905, H4044–45, H4045–46, H4046. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE/ENERGY COMMODITY MARKETS MOVEMENT

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review the source of dramatic movements in community markets (agriculture and energy): a change in market fundamentals or influence of institutional investors? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the CFTC: Jeff Harris, Chief Economist; and John Fenton, Deputy Director, Market Surveillance Section; and public witnesses.

### PROTECTING CHILDREN'S HEALTH COVERAGE ACT OF 2008

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 5998, Protecting Children's Health Coverage Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Dayna K. Shah, Managing Associate General Counsel, GAO; Pete R. Orszag, Director, CBO; Morton Rosenberg, Specialist in American Public Law, American Law Division, CRS, Library of

Congress; Gary D. Alexander, Department of Human Services, State of Rhode Island; and a public witness.

### NURSING HOME SAFEGUARDS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “In the Hands of Strangers: Are Nursing Home Safeguards Working?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Lewis Morris, Chief Counsel to the Inspector General; and Kerry Weems, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Richard Blumenethal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut; Luis Navas-Migueloa, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Commission on Aging and Retirement Education, City of Baltimore, Maryland; and public witnesses.

### HELPING AGENT ORANGE VICTIMS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Our Forgotten Responsibility: What Can We Do To Help Victims of Agent Orange? Testimony was heard from Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and public witnesses.

### WOMEN'S PEACE/SECURITY ROLE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on UN Security Resolution 1325: Recognizing Women's Vital Roles in Achieving Peace and Security. Testimony was heard from Swanee Hunt, former U.S. Ambassador to Austria; Donald K. Steinberg, former Ambassador to the Republic of Angola; and public witnesses.

### HOMELAND'S SECURITY INTELLIGENCE

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing on the Resilient Homeland: How DHS Intelligence Should Empower America To Prepare for, Prevent, and Withstand Terrorist Attacks. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CREDIT CARD FAIR FEE ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:*, Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws held a hearing on H.R. 5546, Credit Card Fair Fee Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### WEST COAST SALMON FISHERIES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the management of West Coast Salmon Fisheries. Testimony was heard from Rodney

McInnis, Southwest Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Michael Rode, Staff Environmental Scientist (Ret.), Department of Fish and Game, State of California; and public witnesses.

### OVERSEAS GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR INSURANCE

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following measures: H. Res. 1144, Expressing support for designation of a “Frank Sinatra Day” on May 13, 2008, in honor of the dedication of the Frank Sinatra commemorative stamp; H. Con. Res. 1152, Honoring Arnold Palmer for his distinguished career in the sport of golf and his commitment to excellence and sportsmanship; H. Res. 1153, Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; H. Con. Res. 138, Supporting National Men's Health Week; and H. Con. Res. 334, Supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month,

The Committee also held a hearing on Defense Base Act Insurance: Are Taxpayers Paying Too Much? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Joseph P. Mizzoni, Deputy Auditor General, Acquisition and Logistics, U.S. Army Audit Agency; James Ginman, Deputy Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy; and James Dalton, Chief, Engineering and Construction, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; John K. Needham, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Issues, GAO; Shelby Hallmark, Director Workers' Compensation Program, Department of Labor; and William H. Moser, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Administrations Logistics Management, Department of State.

### FOOD PRICES AND SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “Food Prices and Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following measure H.R. 5052, Saving Energy Through Public Transportation Act of 2008; H.R. 2452, Raw Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act; H.R. 1333, amended, Civil Air Patrol Homeland Security Support Act of 2007; H.R. 135, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2007; H.R. 5770, To provide for a study by the National Academy of Sciences of potential impacts of climate change on water resources and water quality; H.R. 5599, To designate the Federal building located at 4600 Silver Hill Road in Suitland, Maryland, as the “Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building”; H. Res. 1137, Supporting

the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week; H. Con. Res. 305, Recognizing the importance of bicycling in transportation and recreation; H. Con. Res. 309, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; H. Con. Res. 311, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 335, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; H. Res. 339, amended, Supporting the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions.

## ENERGY AND TAX EXTENDERS ACT OF 2008

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6049, Energy and Tax Extenders Act of 2008.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House Committee Meetings

No committee meetings are scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 19 through May 24, 2008

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will be in a period of morning business.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* May 21, to hold hearings to examine efforts to create jobs with climate solutions, focusing on the ways agriculture and forestry can help lower costs in a low-carbon economy, 2:30 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* May 20, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Defense, 11 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* May 22, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General David H. Petraeus, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general

and to be Commander, United States Central Command, and Lieutenant General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* May 20, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* May 20, to hold hearings to examine energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* May 22, to hold hearings to examine S. 1919, to establish trade enforcement priorities for the United States, to strengthen the provisions relating to trade remedies, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* May 20, to hold hearings to examine agreement on Extradition between the United States of America and the European Union (EU), signed on June 25, 2003 at Washington, together with twenty-two bilateral instruments which subsequently were signed between the United States and each European Union Member State in order to implement the Agreement with the EU. The Agreement includes an explanatory note which is an integral part of the Agreement (Treaty Doc. 109-14), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Latvia, signed on December 7, 2005, at Riga (Treaty Doc. 109-15), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Estonia, signed on February 8, 2006, at Tallinn (Treaty Doc. 109-16), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and the Government of Malta, signed on May 18, 2006, at Valletta, that includes an exchange of letters that is an integral part of the treaty (Treaty Doc. 109-17), extradition Treaty between the United States of America and Romania (the "Extradition Treaty" or the "Treaty") and the Protocol to the Treaty between the United States of America and Romania on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (the "Protocol"), both signed at Bucharest on September 10, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-11), extradition Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (the "Extradition Treaty" or the "Treaty") and the Agreement on Certain Aspects of Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (the "MLA Agreement"), both signed at Sofia on September 19, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-12), treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Stockholm on December 17, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 107-12), mutual Legal Assistance between the United States of America and the European Union (EU), signed on June 25, 2003, at Washington, together with 25 bilateral instruments that subsequently were signed between the United States and each European Union Member State in order to implement the Agreement with the EU, and an explanatory note that is an integral part of the Agreement (Treaty